

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claim 1 is currently being cancelled.

Claims 2 and 5-7 are currently being amended, whereby the features of now-cancelled claim 1 have been incorporated into claim 2, as well as other features added to that claim (and whereby claim 2 is now placed in independent form).

Claim 10 is currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends, adds and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending, adding and canceling the claims as set forth above, claims 2-10 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,145,681 to Kato; claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0190044 to Hashimoto et al.; and claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Hashimoto et al. and U.S. Patent No. 7,057,657 to Ishihara et al. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

Kato describes performing image processing for a divided image data. However, Kato fails to disclose, teach or suggest any processing regarding execution control in the case where image processing has priorities.

In more detail, the present invention relates to processing when there are priorities in the jobs to be processed, and whereby the execution of the jobs causes a conflict. Kato does not teach or suggest features in which “the image processing section registers the job received via the interface in the management table as being the waiting job unable to execute the

accelerator function, and executes a job searched for by the search section”, as now explicitly recited in presently pending independent claim 2

Accordingly, since the above-highlighted features recited in presently pending independent claim 2 are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Kato, that claim patentably distinguishes over Kato. It is also noted that the other cited art of record do not rectify the above-mentioned deficiencies of Kato.

New Claim:

New claim 10 has been added to recite features described on page 23, lines 15-24 of the specification, whereby such features are believed to provide a separate basis of patentability for that claim.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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